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Applicant: Sloan et al.

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For: **COMMUNICATION INTERFACE FOR A FINANCIAL MODELING AND COUNSELING SYSTEM**

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the Application and consider the remarks as hereafter provided:

In the Specification:

Please delete the paragraph beginning on page 1, line 6 and replace with the following so that it reads:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

The present application is a continuation of a parent application serial number 09/705,290, filed November 1, 2000, entitled "COMMUNICATION INTERFACE FOR A FINANCIAL MODELING AND COUNSELING SYSTEM", of the assignee of the present invention, incorporated herein by reference.

Furthermore, the present application is a continuation-in-part of U.S. application number 09/431,389 entitled "SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR A FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT AND ADVICE GENERATING INFORMATION FRAMEWORK" filed November 1, 1999, U.S. application number 09/452,273 entitled "SYSTEM, METHOD AND ARTICLE OF MANUFACTURE FOR INVESTMENT"

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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a preliminary amendment in the above-identified application.



Applicant(s) believe that no (additional) Extension of Time is required; however, if it is determined that such an extension is required, Applicant(s) hereby petition that such an extension be granted and authorize the Commissioner to charge the required fees for an Extension of Time under 37 CFR 1.136 to Deposit Account No. 02-3964.



If the required fees are missing or any additional fees are required to facilitate filing the enclosed response, please charge such fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-3964 (Order No. 60021.375702). A copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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